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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Moore House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

SW of Woodland

STREET & NUMBER

Road 25A, Yolo County

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Woodland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

Yolo

CODE

113

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Max Storz

STREET & NUMBER

Road 25A, Yolo County

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Woodland

STATE

California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yolo County Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1098

CITY, TOWN

Woodland

STATE

CA 95695

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located near Woodland, California the Moore House is a two-story rectangular building with a one-story kitchen attached. In style it is basically a vernacular rendition of a simple Federal farmhouse with Victorian details. The Moore House is of brick construction and is now covered with stucco. The building measures approximately 30 x 20 feet, plus the 12 x 15-foot kitchen which is attached to the rear. The fenestration is symmetrical on the two-story portion of the house. The east elevation has eight 12 pane double hung 2 sash windows. Two windows are located on either side of the door which is in the center on both stories. The first story door is now recessed, but it was originally flush with the wall. The original porch, which surrounded the house, has been removed and has been replaced with a colonial revival porch. The original door on the second story has been replaced with two louvred doors. The front wall is fitted with a boxed cornice, heavy sawn and carved brackets mounted on a frieze. The house is covered with a gabled roof. There were originally four chimneys but only three remain. The south elevation has been altered by removing the porch. A door to the attached kitchen has been replaced with a window. The eaves and gable returns are fitted with heavy sawn and carved brackets mounted on a frieze. The west elevation has been altered by the removal of the porch and the closing of a second-story door. Otherwise the fenestration remains unchanged as do the brackets and boxed cornice and frieze. A partially enclosed porch has been added to the kitchen. The north elevation has a remnant of the original porch, but a sleeping porch has been added to the porch roof. A railing with colonial revival details has been added to the porch. Fenestration, brackets, frieze, and other construction details are unchanged. All of the alterations listed above are reversible.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Moore

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moore House is significant for its historic associations with the agricultural development of Yolo County. The house is the oldest known surviving residence in Yolo County and is significant for its craftsmanship and detailing.

James Moore was one of the early settlers in Yolo County having immigrated from Pennsylvania where he had manufactured fanning mills for cleaning grain. He journeyed to California in 1849, worked in the Mariposa mines, and engaged in the livestock raising business in Sacramento County. Moore moved to Yolo County in 1854 and built the James Moore House for his family.

Moore was a pioneer in the development of irrigation in Yolo County. In 1856 he built Moore Dam on Cache Creek about five miles northwest of his ranch. This dam served to divert water from the creek into a ditch which Moore also constructed. The water then flowed through Moore's property and emptied into Willow Slough several miles southeast of Moore's. This dam and canal laid the basis for the Moore Ditch Company which is now known as the Clear Lake Water Company. This project earned Moore the title of "Father of Irrigation" in Yolo County. Moore's reputation in irrigation was such that he was hired by the State to engineer other large scale water projects.

After Moore's death in 1884, the house passed out of family ownership. During the great depression of the 1930's, the Moore House stood empty and homeless workers used it as a sleeping place. From the 1940's to the present, the house has had three owners; each has made efforts to restore the building. The present owners are presently trying to reverse damage caused by improper maintenance techniques.

Because of the combination of Federal style farmhouse with Victorian details, the Moore House may be said to be unique in Yolo County. Although there have been numerous alterations, the building's essential design and characteristics, and integrity remain. As the oldest known residence in Yolo County, the Moore House is an important artifact of the formative years in the development of California agriculture.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Illustrated Atlas and History of Yolo County, California (San Francisco, 1879), p. 91

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Bonnie Freshwater, "Is Storz' Home Oldest in County?" The Daily Democrat, April 24, 1973, p.5.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 ac.

QUADRANGLE NAME Woodland, CA

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,0 6,0,1 2,0,0 4,2 7,7 4,5,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

E

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is located approximately one mile west of Plainfield School at the end of County Road 25A, on approximately 1/4 acre of land in Yolo County, California. (See accompanying parcel map).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Albert L. Hurtado, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

April 20, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1220 K Street, P. O. Box 2390

TELEPHONE

(916) 322-8710

CITY OR TOWN

Sacramento

STATE

CA 95811

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Kenny McEllan

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 7/18/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-16-78

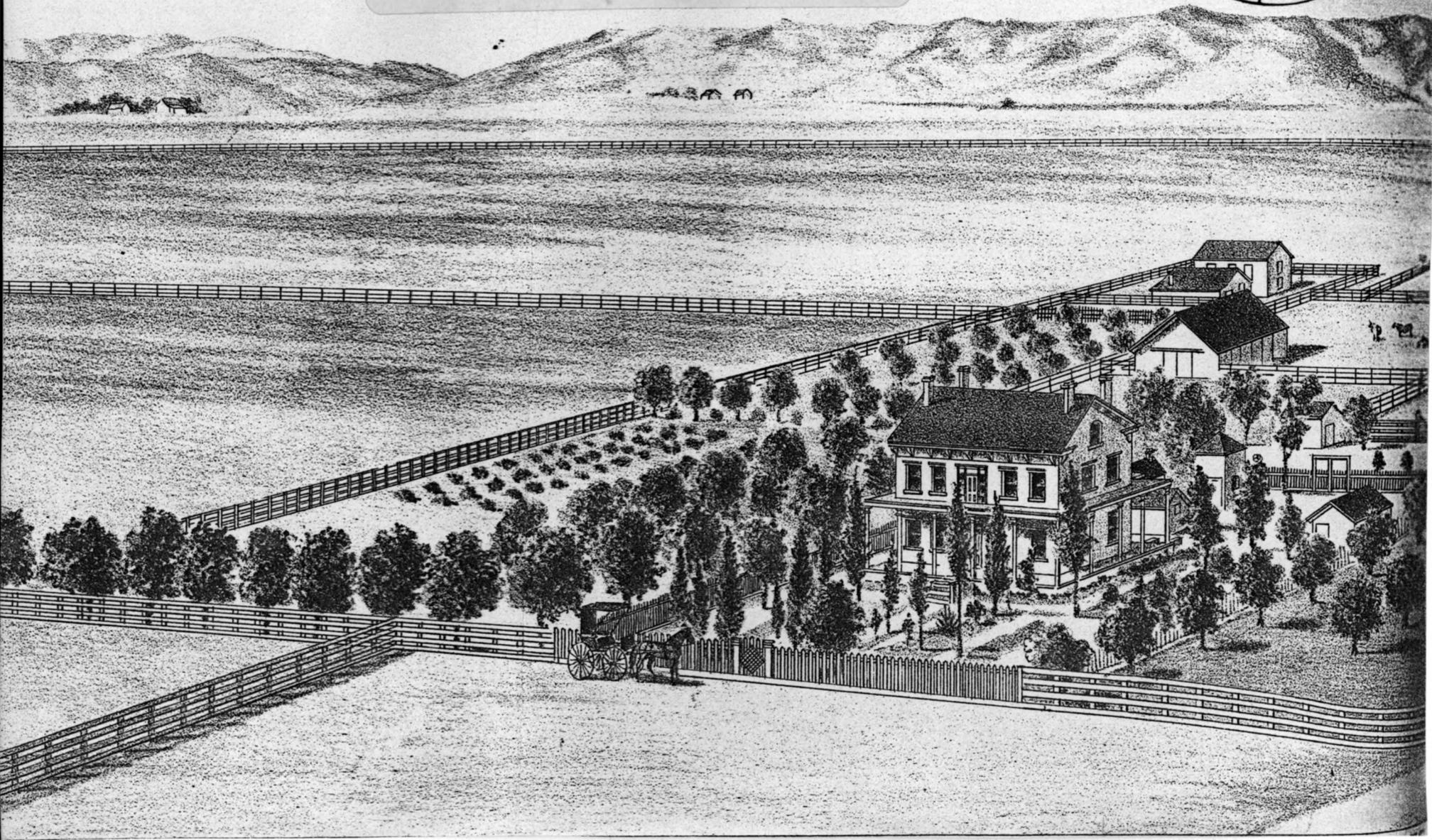
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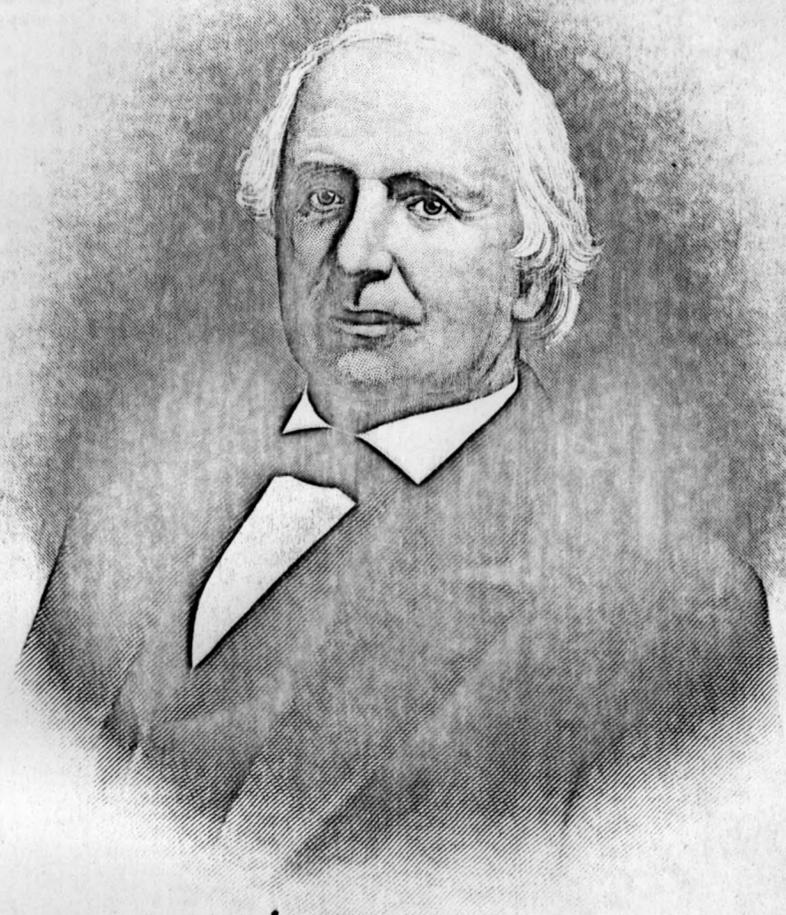
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James Moore House,
Woodland, CA
Birdseye view
The Illustrated Atlas and History of Yolo
County, California (San Francisco, 1879),
plate 38.

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James Moore

Engraving of James Moore, Chicago